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In re Application of:

Matthew G. Howell

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For: METHOD FOR MANAGING CABLES

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DECLARATION OF MATTHEW G. HOWELL

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Sir:

1. I, Matthew G. Howell, am the listed inventor of the above-identified patent application. I do hereby declare from my own personal knowledge:

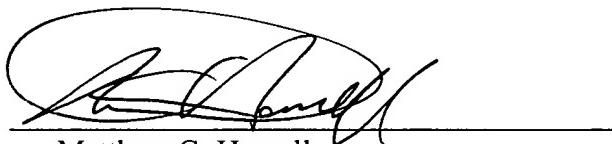
2. The invention claimed in the present application was reduced to practice before August 7, 1997, the effective date of Siemon publication shown on <http://www.siemon.com/products/newproducts/nmultiaccesscm.html>. Prior to August 7, 1997 I conceived, developed and successfully tested the claimed method for managing cables.

3. Attached as Exhibit 1 are copies of certain portions of the invention disclosure form, illustrating an embodiment of the method for managing cables of the present invention. This form was created and signed by me prior to August 7, 1997. The dates on these portions of the invention disclosure form have been intentionally concealed.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; furthermore, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2 Jun 1999



Matthew G. Howell